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Gurukul vs Kulguru: Modifying the education system

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The education system in India has seen a major transformation - from the Gurukul system to the present day Kulguru system. In modern day education, the vice-chancellor of a university assumes the station of the 'Kulguru' but it is unlike the ancient system of Gurukul education. Although the Kulguru or the vice-chancellor is the highest office in the modern education system, it is not the only authority. There are various divisions of powers in a university and a college in the present day. And it is all quite different from the Gurukul system of learning.

Gurukul is the ancient Indian institution of learning where the students, known as 'shishyas' lived with the guru (teacher) in the same house or the ashram. The student attained knowledge while living with their gurus in these very ashrams while helping the guru with everyday chores which also included - cleaning, washing, cooking etc. The education in the Gurukul system was free of cost and the students lived together irrespective of their social standing or financial conditions. At the end of their education, they used to give their guru a 'Gurudakshina' which was tradition and a gesture of respect as well as gratitude to the teacher. Until the British rule in India, the Gurukul system of education continued.

Modern education system was introduced by British overlords in the country. It was in around 1854 that the new education system came into being. The main objective behind this was to prepare people to run the administration of British India. Education was imparted in vernacular languages whereas higher education was imparted only in English. The British government also funded schools which imparted education to the people of the country. Another possible reason behind the introduction of this modern education system was to reduce the cost of bringing English speaking people from their country. Building a bridge between British rulers and the masses helping to remove the language barrier to further help them gaining control over the masses were other reasons. In 1837, the first universities were started in three places in India - Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai.

Although, the modern education system helped in educating us in learning a new language – English, and helped us in connecting to the rest of the world, it also alienated people from the origin of education and the objective of education was lost, which was to learn the basics of life. The ancient belief was that education cannot be sold or bought; it is knowledge that should be transferred from one person to another, from one generation to another.

The modern education system has transformed a lot and has been made accessible to everyone in the country. It grew in leaps and bounds and many new subjects and avenues evolved in the education system. But this modern education system has also given rise to favouritism, corruption, influence of politicians, bureaucrats etc. We cannot say either of the education system, a boon or a bane. There are many pros and cons of both the education systems. The modern education system brought the world at our doorstep, made the world into a global village and gave way to rational and liberal thinking. To gain more from education and serving the major purpose or objective of education, we can further bring in reforms in the education systems by combining both the education systems.

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Ahmedabad: A MICA graduate bagged the highest salary package of Rs40.88 lakh at the institute's annual campus placements, which was an increase of 60% over the last year, the institute said on Monday. MICA said in a release that the highest domestic



Traffic cop arrested for murder of minor girl

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Ahmedabad: Krishnanagar police on Monday arrested traffic cop Lakhn Singh for his involvement in murder of a 17-year-old Rita (name changed). She was killed when she resisted her lover's attempt to push her into flesh trade. Rita was brought to the



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